STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

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AMENDMENT TO RULES AND REGULATIONS

LEGENDS VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Texas nonprofit corporation

(Amending and Restating the 2014 Enforcement Rules)

<u>Document reference</u>. Reference is hereby made to that certain <u>Legends Village Master Declaration of Covenants</u>, <u>Conditions and Restrictions</u>, filed as Document No. 2006082534 in the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas (together with all amendments and supplements, the "**Declaration**").

Reference is further made to those previously-adopted Rules and Regulations filed as Document No. 2011086746 ("General Rules") and as Document No. 2012106060 and 2014072291 ("the last two documents, collectively, Enforcement Rules") of the Official Public Records of Williamson County, Texas.

The Declaration provides that persons owning lots subject to the Declaration are automatically made members of Legends Village Homeowners Association, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation (the "Association");

The Association, acting through its board of directors (the "**Board**"), is authorized to adopt and amend rules governing the affairs of the Association, pursuant to Declaration Section 5.4(A) and Bylaws Section 4.17(a);

The Board has voted to amend and restate the Enforcement Rules as provided herein. As of this recording, the General Rules and these replacement Enforcement Rules constitute the rules of the Association.

APPROVED and ADOPTED the 28 day of November, 2018.

LEGENDS VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.,
A Texas nonprofit corporation
Acting by and through its Board of Directors

STATE OF TEXAS SCOUNTY OF WILLIAMSON STATE OF TEXAS ACKNOWLEDGED before me on the aday of in the capacity stated above.

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My Commission Expires
April 25, 2019

Section XII is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section XII. Fines, self help, collection action

Summary of Collection Process

- 1. Assessments payable monthly and due by the 10th day of the month. All other amounts are due within 30 days of due date (or invoice date if no due date stated)
- 2. Interest at 18% charged as of date of delinquency
- 3. Late fee assessed in an amount determined by the board
- 4. Courtesy notice sent via email or mail, giving 30 days to pay
- 5. Certified mail notice sent providing final warning/notice as required by statute
- 6. Account turned over to attorney for formal collection action

The Board may vary from this policy on a case by case basis, including shortening or lengthening time periods for payment or eliminating or providing additional courtesy notices, provided that all statutory notice requirements are met.

Summary of Non-Monetary Violation Enforcement Process for Fining and Similar Actions

- 1. Certified mail notice letter (statutory notice letter)
- 2. Damage assessments as appropriate; fines levied as appropriate per fining schedule

The Board may vary from this policy on a case by case basis, including increasing or decreasing fines, sending additional, or omitting, courtesy notices, and other such variations, provided that all statutory notice requirements are met.

Summary of Non-Monetary Violation Enforcement Process for Self-Help

- 1. Written warning notice, at least 24 hours prior to self-help action
- 2. Self-help action (force mow, or other similar cure of a Lot violation); costs assessed to owners' account

Collection policy (monetary violations):

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. The Board desires to adopt a standardized Assessment Collection and Enforcement Policy to set forth its determinations on such issues.
- 2. Scope. This policy applies to all "Members" of the Association, said Members having a contractual obligation to pay assessments and other charges to the Association under the governing documents of the Association.
- 3. The Policy.
 - a. <u>Introduction</u>. The Association's primary source of income is Member-paid Assessments, and without such income the Association cannot provide and maintain the facilities and services that are critical to the quality of life of Association residents and the protection of property values. The Association has experienced, and expects to continue to experience, situations in which Members are delinquent in their obligation to pay Assessments or Members are otherwise in violation of the governing documents. Therefore the Board has adopted, and by these presents does hereby adopt, the Assessment Collection and Enforcement Policy set forth below.

Per the Declaration the Association may collect, and has a lien for all amounts due, including assessments, fees, interests, costs, and attorney's fees. The Association further has a lien for all costs of self-help remedies (Declaration §5.4(E)).

- b. <u>Due Dates.</u> Assessments are payable monthly (Declaration §7.3), and are due by the 10th day of the month. Except as provided below, all other amounts payable are due within 30 days of the due date, or if none given, within 30 days of the date the related invoice, ledger, or other notice is sent to the Member.
- c. NSF Fees. Checks, ACH payments, or other type of payment returned for insufficient funds, dishonored automatic bank drafts, or other similar item will result in the assessment of a fee determined by the Board from time to time. In absence of board resolution otherwise, charge for such items is \$30. Late fees as determined by the board shall also be assessed as appropriate for any amounts not paid by due date.
- 4. <u>Delinquency/Collection</u>. Any Assessment or other amount due not paid by its due date shall be deemed Delinquent. Delinquencies shall be handled as follows:
 - a. <u>Interest, Late Fees, Collection Costs.</u> Delinquencies may be charged interest on the sum owing at the rate of 18% per annum, until paid in full. In addition to interest, a late fee in an amount as determined from time to time by the Board may be assessed. The owner is responsible for all costs of collection including attorneys fees.
 - b. Courtesy Notice of Delinquency. Once an Assessment or other amount due becomes Delinquent, the Association, acting through its Board, managing agent, or some other Board designee, will email or mail a written notice to the related Member reminding him or her of the amount owed and requiring that it be paid immediately no later than 30 days after the date of the letter.
 - c. <u>Final Letter After Courtesy Notice</u>. If payment in full or other mutually-satisfactory payment arrangements are not made promptly in response to the courtesy notice, the Association, acting through its managing agent, shall send notice via certified mail, return receipt requested and otherwise complying with the requirements of Texas Property Code §209.0064 (including giving the owner a final 30 days to cure the delinquency prior to the account being turned over to an attorney.)
 - d. Formal Collection Action. After the expiration of the 30-day cure period provided by law (\$209.0064, Texas Property Code), the account shall be turned over to the Association's attorney to initiate formal collection action. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, all attorney collection action is preauthorized, including but not limited to sending a 30-day demand letter, filing of a Notice of Lien or similar instrument in the Official Public Records, and initiating and carrying out a foreclosure of the Association's lien against the Lot, all in accordance with state-law notice and procedural requirements.
 - The Board of Directors of the Association is charged with the duty of overseeing the administration of the Association, including but not limited to the collection of assessments and other charges from the members. The timely collection of assessments is critical to ensuring that the Association can remain fully-funded and capable of fulfilling its duties to the members, and as such the Board desires that delinquent assessments be collected with a minimum of delay. This standardized collection policy is in the best interest of ensuring that collection procedures are applied consistently.
 - e. <u>Authority to Vary from Policy</u>. In handling Delinquent amounts due, the Board of Directors retains the authority to vary from this Assessment Collection Policy as may be appropriate given the particular facts and circumstance involved, so long as the related action is in compliance with the Declaration and State law. Variances from policy may include adding additional courtesy letters, or omitting a courtesy letter, provided that at minimum all notice requirements of state law are met.
 - f. Payment plans. Payment plans shall be offered as described in the Association's payment plan rule.
 - g. Managing agent authorization. If Association has engaged the services of a management company for the Association, to perform day-to-day administrative tasks on behalf of the Association, the management company is granted authority to carry out this policy including to communicate with legal counsel retained by the Association and to authorize collection work by such legal counsel on behalf of the Association, without further vote or action of the Board. This authority notwithstanding, the

management company representative shall communicate with the Board and/or certain designated officers on a routine basis with regard to collection actions, and the Board reserves the right to establish further policies with regard to collection efforts generally and to make decisions about particular collection actions on a case-by-case basis if and when it deems appropriate.

Non-monetary violations (violations of the governing documents other than nonpayment):

a. <u>Notices of Violation</u>: Prior to levying a property damage assessment against an owner, fining an owner, or suspending the owner's usage rights to the common area due to a violation, the Association shall comply with the notice requirements of Ch. 209, Texas Property Code.

The management company shall, upon becoming aware of a violation(s) of the deed restrictions, send a letter certified mail, return receipt requested giving notice of the violation(s) in accordance with Ch. 209, Texas Property Code.¹

The Board may deviate from this standard procedure, including instructing the managing agent to omit or add courtesy warning(s), in its sole discretion.

- b. <u>Damage assessment; enforcement costs</u>. The Association may assess the Owner's account for any damages caused by the Owner, or the Owner's residents, tenants, guests or invitees. The owner may be held responsible for all enforcement costs, including attorney's fees.
- c. <u>Fines</u>. If the violation is not cured by the deadline given in the certified mail notice described in subsection (a), or if a notice and opportunity to cure have been given for a similar violation within the last six months (so that there is no additional right to cure) a fine shall automatically levy in the amount of \$100 unless otherwise determined by the Board (for example, the Board may vary from this fine schedule case by case, or the Board may adopt an alternate fine schedule by resolution). Fines may be issued on a one-time basis or in the event of an ongoing violation, may be issued daily for each day of the violation (each day of the violation may be considered a separate violation). Subsequent fines in the amount of \$100 shall issue for each additional violation notice given, or in the case of ongoing violations, on a daily basis. For example, absent Board approval otherwise:

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- i. First notice: certified mail letter (per Property Code Ch. 209) warning of fine
- ii. Second notice and all subsequent violations: \$100 fine (daily or one-time)

Each day of the violation may be considered a separate violation. The Board may deviate from this standard fining procedure, including electing to levy a lesser or greater fine at any time, or omitting or adding one or more courtesy notices, in it sole discretion, provided that at minimum all state law requirements are met.

e. <u>Hearings</u>. If a Member requests a hearing by the deadline outlined in the certified mail (Chapter "209") violation letter, the hearing shall be held in accordance with state law. The Board shall inform the owner of the time, date, and place of the hearing at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. The Board may impose rules of conduct and limit the amount of time allotted to a Member to present his or her information to the Board at any such hearing. The Board may either make its decision at the hearing, or take any matter discussed at the hearing under advisement and communicate its decision at a later date.

¹ If such a notice has been given in past for a violation, and a similar violation occurs in the six month period since the notice, per state law the notice sent need not include an opportunity to cure.

- f. Force mows and other self-help enforcement action. Notwithstanding other language herein, the management company, Association attorney, or other authorized agent of the Association is granted authority to carry out force mow or self-help remedies on behalf of the Association, in accordance with any procedure described in the Declaration or other governing documents. (Declaration §5.4(E)). Per Declaration §5.4(E), the association may, without notice in case of an emergency, and after 24 hours written notice (sent via mail, email, or hand-delivery) enter upon any Lot and cure any violation of the declaration (including design guidelines), bylaws, or rules. All expenses incurred in connection with any such action are a personal obligation of the Lot owner and a lien on the Lot.
- g. Authority of agents. The management company, Association attorney, or other authorized agent of the Association is granted authority to carry out this standard enforcement and fining procedure absent express direction otherwise from the Board, without further vote or action of the Board. This authority notwithstanding, the management company or Association attorney shall communicate with the Board and/or certain designated officers or agents on a routine basis with regard to enforcement actions, and the Board reserves the right to establish further policies with regard to enforcement efforts generally and to make decisions about particular enforcement actions on a case-by-case basis if and when it deems appropriate.

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